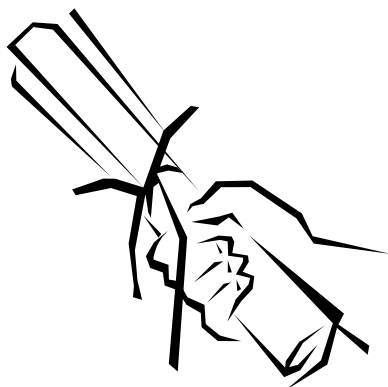


Revised Standardized High School Transcript

Information on the revised Standardized High School Transcript may be found at the State Board Web site under "Graduation Requirements" in the middle of the home page (www.sbe.wa.gov).

Included in the information is the following:

- Developers'/Users' Guide.
www.sbe.wa.gov/documents/devguide2005.pdf
- Samples of the new transcript.
www.sbe.wa.gov/documents/1503sample.pdf
- Frequently Asked Questions.
www.sbe.wa.gov/faq_pages/Transcriptfaqs.htm



More Information

For complete and in-depth information regarding high school graduation requirements please visit the Washington State Board of Education Web site at:

www.sbe.wa.gov/graduation.htm

Also, check the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for more information on graduation requirements, high school transcript, and other areas pertaining to Washington schools at:

www.sbe.wa.gov/faqs.htm

Other Resources

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

www.k12.wa.us

WA Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB)

www.hecb.wa.gov

WA State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC)

www.sbctc.ctc.edu

WA Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTECB)

www.wtb.wa.gov

Washington State Legislature

www.leg.wa.gov



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Key Laws and Rules

Revised Code of Washington (RCW)

RCW 28A.150.210—Basic Education Act: Goal

"The goal of the Basic Education Act ... shall be to provide students with the opportunity to become responsible citizens, to contribute to their own economic well-being and to that of their families and communities, and to enjoy productive and satisfying lives."

RCW 28A.230.120—High School Diplomas

"(1) School districts shall issue diplomas to students signifying graduation from high school upon the students' satisfactory completion of all local and state graduation requirements. Districts shall grant students the option of receiving a final transcript in addition to the regular diploma."

Also, see the following Washington Administrative Code (WAC) chapters:

Chapter 180-50 WAC—Courses of Study and Equivalencies

Chapter 180-51 WAC—High School Graduation Requirements

Chapter 180-57 WAC—Secondary Education—Standardized High School Transcript

A link to these rules may be found on the SBE Web site under "Policies" (www.sbe.wa.gov).



State Minimum Graduation Requirements: Credits

State Minimum Graduation Requirements	
(May be met inside and outside the walls of the school.)	
Credits	Subject
3.0	English
2.0	Math
2.0	Science
2.5	Social Studies
2.0	Health & Fitness
1.0	Occupational Ed.
1.0	Arts
5.5	Electives
19.0	Total

Note: All State Minimums set by SBE except for two set by Legislature: Certificate of Academic Achievement, and study of Federal and Washington State Constitutions.

State Non-Credit Graduation Requirements:

Culminating Project—Each student shall complete a culminating project for graduation. This project consists of students demonstrating both their learning competencies and preparations related to learning goals three and four. (see http://www.k12.wa.us/CurriculumInstruct/EALR_GLE.aspx)

High School and Beyond Education Plan—Students shall have an education plan for their high school experience, including what they expect to do the year following graduation. Districts shall adopt a policy to implement this graduation requirement.

Certificate of Academic Achievement (CAA)—This graduation requirement takes effect beginning with the graduating class of 2008. The CAA is earned by passing the high school Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) in reading, writing, and mathematics (science added in 2010).

Brief Highlights

- New state minimum high school graduation requirements were implemented beginning with the ninth grade class of 2004 (graduating Class of 2008).
- School districts retain their authority to establish graduation requirements beyond those set by the State Board of Education.
- One of the required 19 credits shall be in the **Arts**, which may be satisfied in the visual or performing arts. This credit may not be substituted.
- **Health and Fitness**—The former two-credit graduation requirement in physical education is changed to two credits in Health and Fitness.
- **Occupational Education**—The one credit graduation requirement was redefined in 2000 (WAC 180-50-300 and WAC 180-51-061). That redefinition carries forward.
- WASL scale scores and levels achieved must be posted on the state standardized transcript beginning with the graduating Class of 2006.